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POEMS THAT LIVE FOREVER

SONG

Who has robbed the ocean cave
 To tinge thy lips with coral hue?
 Who from India's distant wave
 For thee those pearly treasures drew?
 Who from yonder orient sky
 Stole the morning of thine eye?

A thousand charms, thy form to deck,
 From sea and earth, and air are torn;
 Roses bloom upon thy cheek,
 On thy breath their fragrance borne,
 Guard thy bosom from the day,
 Lest thy snows should melt away.

But one charm remains behind,
 Which mute earth can ne'er impart:
 Nor in ocean wilt thou find,
 Nor in the circling air, a heart,
 Fairest! wouldst thou perfect be,
 Take, oh take, that heart from me.

—John Shaw.

WHO'S WHO IN THE NEWS

A DELEGATE to the 1872 convention that nominated Horace Greeley, Judson Harmon is still attending Democratic conventions. The former governor of Ohio helped to nominate James M. Cox four years ago at San Francisco and reported early in New York to lend his aid to Cox this year.

JUDSON HARMON is now 76. He is a man of large frame, striking features and powerful mind. In the 1912 convention, which nominated Woodrow Wilson, Harmon was a popular candidate. Being conservative and considered absolutely safe and sound, he was an influential factor in 1908, 1904 and in the two previous William J. Bryan campaigns. He belonged to the old Cleveland faction of the party. He served as United States attorney general under President Cleveland.

He was born at Newton, Hamilton county, Ohio, February 3, 1846. He studied at Denison University and Cincinnati Law School. He still resides in Cincinnati. His first political job was that of mayor of Wyoming, Ohio. He was next elected common pleas judge in 1876, and two years later became judge of superior court. He next served in President Cleveland's cabinet, and then left politics to become professor of law at the University of Cincinnati. He was elected governor of Ohio in 1909 and re-elected two years later.

TALKS BY THOSE WHO THINK

FRANK H. SISSON, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, believes that business conditions are fundamentally sound and sees "prosperity ahead for an indefinite period." "The one outstanding fact in the business situation today is the condition of the money market," Mr. Sisson said in a recent address. "It is easier than it has been for years. Stocks and bonds, particularly bonds, are now commanding good prices, export conditions are improving, and prices for agricultural products are rising. There is also a pretty general high level of employment."

"The basic conditions here are so strong that the political situation cannot seriously disturb them. Conditions in Europe, too, are better in almost every country and, with the Dawes plan in operation, it is fair to assume that further progress will be made. I can see no possible danger ahead of a period of depression. A moderate price decline stopped last week for the first time since the first of the year. There is no speculation and no inflation, and the general situation seems to be stabilized to the point of reasonable assurance."

"The United States today is in a tremendously strong economic condition. It can stand almost any kind of outside, or inside, economic pressure without serious results. Our great productive capacity creates new wealth year after year and means prosperity for an indefinite period. The automobile industry may temporarily overshoot the mark and have to draw in, but it will ultimately readjust itself."

"There is a slight danger signal in the constant interference by political bodies with business, and the menace of injecting government into business hangs over the business man in an embarrassing way. Transportation is constantly apprehensive. Fortunately, little harm has been done as yet. The vapors of demagogues are always with us. It is a question how far democracy—which is the rule of the less intelligent—can function with economic questions. Most of the European states are today governed by Socialists or dictators, but the world progresses. We enjoy more luxuries than any people in the world, but we have more with which to buy them. The United States faces a future today no prophet could possibly predict."

REFERRING to a statement that "economic espionage is not a crime in other countries, but is a serious crime in Russia," Louis Krassin, foreign trade minister for the soviet republic, said recently: "Other countries are in a different position. There is no other country which has abroad pretenders and claimants to its property—claimants whose demands have actually been pressed by war and blockade. Be-

sides that, you must not forget that there are countries with which we have no normal relations."

In 1919 Krassin was reported to have said that even if Russia obtained no help from abroad she would yet succeed in economic recovery. Asked if he was still of the same opinion, he said:

"Much more certain of it. Then I had only theoretical grounds for my belief, but now the theory is tested and in some degree proved correct. You remember the state of affairs in 1919. Since then our agriculture has attained 75 per cent of its pre-war production. Industry is back to 40 per cent, and some branches of it, like Grozny oil, have reached 100 per cent. Baku oil is at 60 per cent pre-war production. In Donetz we are producing more coal than we can use."

"In every branch we can point to actual progress. But now, as in 1919, I believe that by means of foreign help, through a long-term loan and the development of concessions, it would be possible immediately to accelerate the process of recovery, which has visibly begun. The process, which may take a quarter of a century, might with foreign help be accomplished in less than ten years."

"Even if left to our own resources, I have no doubt about the ultimate result, assuming only that we are not hampered by wars and blockades and that foreign trade continues so that we can get spare parts for our machinery, raw cotton for our factories, etc. And I see no reason to fear these possibilities will be taken from us."

Gleanings From Life's Book

By CLARK KINNARD

SOME NOTES ON OLD AGE

Men of age object too much, consult too long, adventure too little, repent too soon, and seldom drive business home to the full period, but content themselves with a mediocrity of success, Francis Bacon observed (in an essay, "Of Youth and Age").

William Makepeace Thackeray felt much the same way. And in "The Virginians" he wrote:

Next to the very young, I suppose the very old are the most selfish.

Alas, the heart hardens as the blood ceases to run.

The cold snow strikes down from the head, and checks the glow of feeling.

Who wants to survive into old age after abdicating all his faculties one by one, and be sans teeth, sans eyes, sans memory, sans hope, sans sympathy?

How fared it with the patriarchs of old who lived for their nine centuries, and when were life's conditions so changed that, after threescore years and ten, it became but a vexation and a burden?

George Bernard Shaw's contention that all men over forty are scoundrels is not entirely original. Dr. Cheyne observed that "every man is a fool or a physician at thirty years of age."

Benjamin Disraeli once summarized life this way:

Youth is a blunder;
 Manhood, a struggle;
 Old age, a regret.

At another time Disraeli observed that "The Disappointment of Manhood succeeds to the Delusion of Youth; let us hope that the heritage of Old Age is not Despair."

Perhaps the trouble with old age is that few persons know how to be old.

WISDOM OF THE JAPANESE

The philosophy of the Japanese makes it highly honorable to commit hari-kiri. This act of disemboweling is performed as an expression of regret for an error, as a reproach to some other person, or atonement for wrongs done by others—friends or kinsmen.

A custom at such variance with Occidental beliefs suggests that there is little in common between the philosophy of the Nipponese and our own. Yet a reading of the proverbs, the common wisdom, of Japan shows that this is by no means true.

Here are some Japanese proverbs:

Virtue carries a lean purse.
 He who hunts two hares leaves one and loses the other.

The mile is longer to him who is tired.
 When all men praised the peacock for his beautiful tail the birds cried out with one consent: "Look at his legs! and what a voice!"

There is more delight in love than in enjoyment.
 The reason why parents love the younger children best is because they now have so little hope that the elder will do well.

Going downhill no one is old.
 Those discontented with their fate will accuse even the sun of partiality.

He who wants little seldom goes wrong.
 To forgive the unrepentant is like making pictures on the water.

Whoever can see three days ahead will be rich three thousand years.
 It is easier to rule a kingdom than regulate a family.

A sorrow is an itching place that is made worse by scratching.
 Unpolished pearls never shine.

The best crops are always on the fields of others.
 The reputation of a thousand years can be determined by the conduct of one hour.

Though tears fall they do not help to pay the debt.
 To the ant a few drops of rain is a flood.
 Even the heart has boundaries.

A BRIGHT CLASS

"Jack," said the teacher, "what is a cape?"
 "A cape is a piece of land extending into the water."
 "That's right. Now, John, define a gulf."
 "A gulf is a piece of water extending into the land."
 "Good. Harry," to an eager-looking little chap, "can you tell me what is a mountain?"
 "A mountain," responded Harry, "is a piece of land extending into the air."

JUVENILE TRUTH

The group of dwellers at the seaside was discussing the subject of dreams and their significance. During a pause one of the party turned to a little girl who had sat listening intently, and asked:
 "Do you believe that dreams come true?"
 "Of course they do," the child replied firmly. "Last night I dreamed that I went paddling—and I had!"

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

From reds to greens,
 These outing scenes,
 In gorgeous color tinted;
 The nimble flea
 We never see
 Upon the folder printed.

Babies and microbes are fond of milk and microbes are fond of babies.

We forget easily, fortunately; for the memory of our sunburn and the redbug does not linger through the winter.

Jack and Jill went up the hill
 And drank polluted water;
 Jack came down, and all the town
 Had typhoid fever after.

When on an outing always have a little snake medicine handy; one can never tell when he may come across a sick snake.

Contrary to general belief, surgeons do not close holes in the skull with silver plates. Nature does that with bone.

Man's most vulnerable spot is his pocketbook. When he has to pay out good money for his negligence he becomes extremely cautious.

We like to speak of "modern man" in our egotistic way; but the ancient dubs who fought with clubs were the same that live today.

Some seek the mountains on account of the altitude; but, according to our experience, sea-level vacations are high enough.

We spend all our money
 For tonics and pills,
 But spend not a cent—
 Preventing our ills.

A young man with a warm heart often has cold feet.

Pacifist: A mother who, with a pacifier, keeps her baby and the doctor busy.

A city with a high death rate and poor sanitary conditions is not well governed.

Clip, O Barber, clip with care,
 Clip the hair of the lady fair;
 For men must wait and men must swear.

Clip, O Barber, clip with care.

Don't bet on a short-winded horse nor a long-winded speaker.

Symbolizing a popular brand of soap, the chick that "hasn't scratched yet" hasn't camped out yet.

The establishment of boys' camps, without due regard for the sanitary surroundings, endangers the health and lives of boy campers.

EX-MINER LEADER HEADS TICKET OF FARMER-LABORITES



Duncan McDonald (above) and William Bouck.

A miner and a fruit-grower lead the presidential ticket put to the field by the national Farmer-Labor party at its convention in St. Paul. Duncan McDonald of Chicago, the presidential nominee, is a former president of the United Mine Workers, and William Bouck, his running mate, is vice president, formerly was president of the grange in Washington state.

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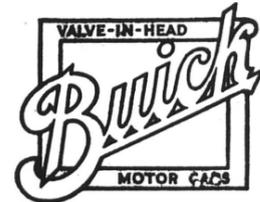
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